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Note verbale dated 30 May 2002 from the Permanent Mission of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) and, with reference to the note of 7 March 2002, from the Chairman of the Committee, has the honour to communicate the following information in connection with the request contained in Security Council resolution 1390 (2002), in particular paragraphs 2.6 and 8.

The Permanent Mission would appreciate it if the text of the present note could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

1. The Republic of Macedonia has no relations with the Taliban or with members of the Al-Qaida organization or other individuals, groups, undertakings or entities associated with them.

2. All the relevant ministries and other State institutions in the Republic of Macedonia involved in the implementation of the measures imposed by Security Council resolution 1390 (2002) were duly informed of their obligations, in particular the Ministries of the Interior, Defense, Finance and Justice, the National Bank and the State Customs Authority.

3. Accordingly, the Ministry of Finance and the National Bank have issued instructions to their subordinate bodies to take into consideration the names of individuals and entities associated with terrorism and to identify and freeze their assets eventually. However, no accounts or financial assets' belonging to such persons or groups have been identified as yet, nor has any case of Macedonian export or import of whatever goods to or from Afghanistan been registered.

4. The Macedonian Government has also undertaken all practical measures to ensure the implementation of the provisions of paragraph 2 (c) of Security Council resolution 1390 (2002) concerning supplying, selling and transferring to terrorists and terrorist organizations arms and related

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materiel of all types, including technical advice, assistance or training related to military activities.

5. Upon receiving the recommendations from the Committee, the State Customs Authority of the Republic of Macedonia has prepared and distributed its own custom regulations, which are in conformity with resolution 1390 (2002). In case some shipment of goods to or from Afghanistan occurs in the future, inconsistent with the provisions of resolution 1390 (2002), the Customs Authority will resolutely undertake all the necessary activities and measures to stop these kind of transactions and will promptly inform the Committee.

6. The individuals and groups referred to in resolution 1390 (2002) are forbidden to enter into and to transit through the territory of the Republic of Macedonia. To date, the Ministries of Interior and Defense of the Republic of Macedonia do not have any new information on activities of members of Al-Qaida and other individuals, groups, undertakings and entities associated with them in this regard.

7. It should also be noted that certain measures of intensified border control and monitoring of alien visitors and residents in the Republic of Macedonia are being carried out in pursuance of paragraph 2 (b) of resolution 1390 (2002).